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responsibility of your vote in any other way than it was your own decision. I personally like it that way...I quite agree that there are those arguments for a partisan Legislature which are correct and legitimate arguments. However, I feel that the preponderous evidence is on the side of maintaining the Legislature as it is.

PRESIDENT: Question is shall LB649 be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. Motion is to indefinitely postpone LB649. Once again, the Chair would ask if you have all voted. Have you all voted? Clerk will record. Read the tally please.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 23 nays.

PRESIDENT: Very good, the motion to indefinitely postpone is lost. Senator Stromer.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, I think we've heard the discussion, it's going to be just the same. I move that we move LB649 as amended to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: The motion now is to advance LB649. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I've been gone all afternoon, thank heavens. I've been in the Governor's office on Lake McCaughy matters. But I want to say that this is not a vote for a partisan Legislature now, it's just a vote to let the Legislature do whatever it wants to do. So I don't.... since Senator Syas' motion carried, why I just can't vote in favor of it on Final Reading. I could have done it before but I certainly can't now.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer. Your light is still on. Do you still want to be heard on the issue? All right, the question is shall LB649 be advanced from General File to E & R Initial. Senator Cavanaugh, did you want to be heard on the issue? This is..the motion is to advance the bill. Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I'm not sure...I could still amend it, right?

PRESIDENT: That's correct.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Okay. Let me try and do this. Strike the Syas amendment and strike "partisan" wherever that is in the bill. Now I think the effect of that would be to provide that we would elect the Legislature in the same manner that we elect all other elected officials, which would allow people to run on a party basis. And I think it would just eliminate any pro....what we've got in the constitution as I understand it is a mandate that we shall not declare parties. I think if we struck both non-partisan and partisan, we would be in the same situation as anyone else. The Legislature could then set up the electoral process which would be on a partisan basis. I believe that is what that amendment would do. So I'll offer that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.